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Timely Tidbits ...

TRN Takes Annual Summer Break

Yep, it's that time again — time for the small but hard-working staff of "the little paper" to skip an issue and catch up on some long-overdue R&R.

We'll see you again July 30.

Fireworks, Fun Set for Fourth of July

A day of good community fun will finish with a bang on Sunday, July 4, when the City of Romulus hosts its annual Hometown Celebration and Fireworks Display at Elmer Johnson Park. For a complete schedule of events, please see page 10.

Basketball Tourney

Wellesley Townhouses and the Romulus Police Department will present the First Annual Boys' and Girls' 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Fernandez Park (Avalon and Columbus streets) on Friday and Saturday, July 23 and 24, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

Play will be divided into three groups: ages 11 and under, ages 12 to 14, and ages 15 to 18 (note: younger players can play in the older divisions). Trophies for first and second place will be awarded in each division.

Also featured will be "hot shot" and "slam dunk" contests.

A fee of \$20 per team (no refunds) includes a T-shirt for each player. For more information, call Wellesley Townhouses at either 734-326-7764 or 734-729-3328.

Basketball Camp

Boys and girls of middle- and high-school age are invited to register for the upcoming John Long Basketball Camp, to be held in the Romulus High School gymnasium. Girls will attend a program set for July 5-7 (9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day); the boys' program is set for July 8-10 (same times). Cost is \$60 for Romulus students (report card or school ID required); \$65 for non-Romulus students.

For further information, please call 734-941-2170, ext. 107 or 191.

Patrol Cars Will Sport New Look

By Kristi Stephens

Many of the Romulus residents who came downtown to see the City's annual Independence Day parade on Thursday, July 1, also got their first look at the blue 1999 Ford Crown Victorias that soon will become a part of the Police Department's patrol fleet.

"Out of a total of 11 cars that were ordered, two have already been delivered," said Executive Lieutenant Eric D. Painter. "The others are currently in the process of being 'changed over' to marked police vehicles — complete with a redesigned graphics package — at Reighards Graphics in Wayne. That work should be finished by the end of the summer."

The total cost of the patrol cars was \$247,450.50 — \$229,906.60 for the cars themselves, with an additional charge of \$17,543.90 for the change-over.

According to Chief Kirby, the acquisition of the new vehicles reflects the City's continued commitment to providing residents with the very best in law enforcement.

"Mayor [William] Oakley understands the importance of putting reliable patrol cars on the road," Kirby explained. "Older cars that need repeated maintenance to keep them in working order are both a financial drain and



Traffic Officer Cliff West is proud of the newest additions to the Romulus Police Department's fleet of patrol cars.

a potential danger. Every hour that a Department of Public Works employee spends servicing patrol vehicles is time that could have been better spent on other DPW services. When you add that to the risk that chronic car troubles could pose for a police officer on the job, the benefits of regularly upgrading your patrol fleet become obvious."

Although the number of new cars available will increase as the summer progresses, it could be a little bit longer before residents will see them out in force.

"Right now, about half of the cars in our fleet (20 marked patrol cars, two 'canine' cars, and a Ford Explorer) are 1997 models which have almost reached a 'maximum-mileage target figure' that was previously established by the City administration," said Chief Kirby. "As each of these cars is retired and then either reassigned to another City department or sold outright, it will be replaced by one of the new cars, eventually leaving the department with a fleet composed entirely of 1998 and 1999 vehicles." □

Basham Says Bond Will Help Finance New Jobs

The Serta Restokraft Mattress Co., Inc., of Romulus has been issued a 25-year, \$5-million, tax-exempt bond to help finance the acquisition of land, the construction of a new 100,000-square-foot manufacturing facility, and the installation of machinery and equipment, State Representative Ray Basham (D-Taylor) recently announced.

"This project will create 30 new, good-paying jobs in the next two years," said Basham. "It is another sign of continued growth and economic revitalization in Romulus."

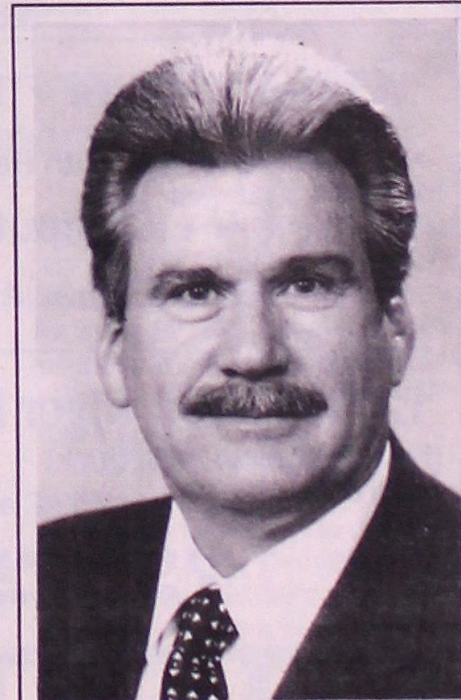
The land-and-facility portion of the project will be owned by BeepM, LLC, and leased to Serta Restokraft Mattress Co., Inc., a Michigan corporation. The machinery-and-equipment portion of the project will be owned by Serta Restokraft Mattress Co., Inc., which will operate the entire project for the manufacture of mattresses and foundations.

The facility will be located at the south-east corner of Jaykay Drive and Cogswell Road in Romulus.

"The project is now underway, with the land being cleared and construction set to begin at about any time," Basham said. "Completion of this new facility is expected in December of this year."

Romulus Mayor William Oakley is looking forward to the new company's opening. "We're pleased that Serta Restokraft has chosen to locate here in Romulus," he said. "Our community should benefit from their presence."

According to Basham, Industrial Development Bonds (IDRBs) are issued to finance projects for manufacturers, solid-waste/cogeneration companies, and certain nonprofit corporations. IDRB financing lessens the cost of borrowing because the interest paid to the bond buyer is exempt from federal, state, and local taxes. □



Representative Ray Basham

NNO "Block Party" Is Fun Way To Focus on Crime Prevention

Along with thousands of other communities throughout the United States and around the world, the City of Romulus will once again be participating in the National Night Out (NNO) program on Tuesday, August 3, to promote crime- and drug-prevention awareness among its residents. This year's program is being organized by the Romulus Police Department and the City's Recreation/Senior Center.

"The purpose of NNO is to remind people of a well-documented but often-forgotten fact: By banding together, we can make our city a safer place to live," said Crime Prevention Officer Joe Richardson of the Romulus Police Department. "We hope that our 'block party' will bring citizens together with their neighbors, local business people, public officials, and law-enforcement officers to foster better relations between the groups, as well as to generate additional interest in anticrime programs such as Neighborhood Watch."

With its carnival-like atmosphere, the block party – set in the area surrounding the intersection of Shook and Bibbins – will feature a variety of entertainments and attractions, including hayrides, fortune-telling, music, games, crafts, a dunk tank, and more.

"Beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until about 6 p.m., most of the attractions will be outdoors – unless it rains, in which case we'll move as much as possible into the Recreation Center," explained Linda Norman, the City's Senior-citizen Program Coordinator. "This portion of the NNO program will be open to people of all ages. The family-oriented portion of the event will conclude with a turkey dinner at the Recreation Center at 5 p.m."

"After that," Norman continued, "as the party moves indoors for entertainment such as Vegas-style games and dance contests, it will be strictly adults only."

Officer Richardson urges everyone in Romulus – regardless of whether or not they are able to attend the community block party – to turn on their porch lights from 7 to 10 p.m. to show support of the City's crime-prevention efforts.

"By joining your neighbors in turning on your lights," said Richardson, "you'll be giving criminals an unmistakable message: Our community is committed to putting you out of business."

For more information about the National Night Out program, contact Officer Richardson at 734-942-6871 or Linda Norman at 734-942-6852. □

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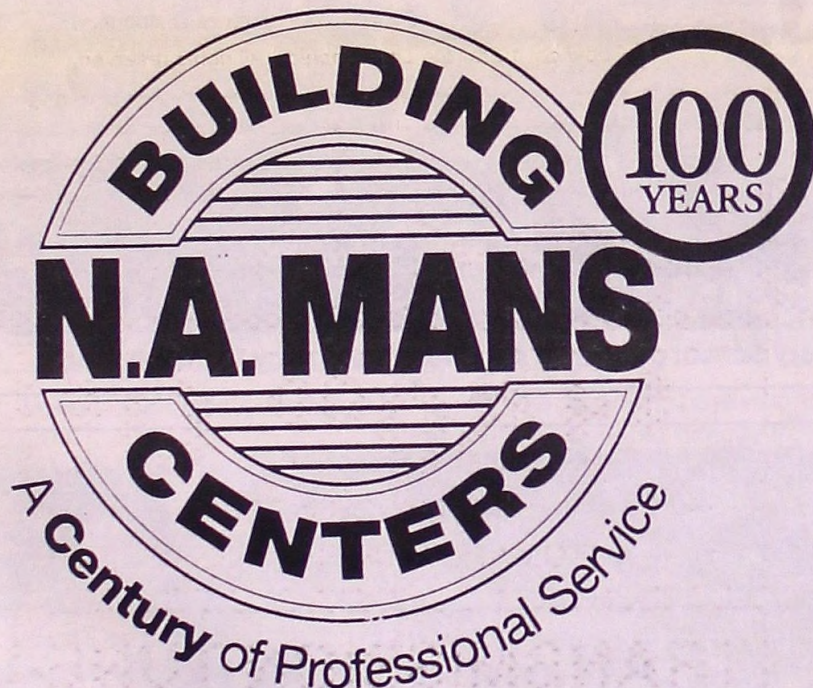
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Showing Off at the Spring Concert



Among those who got a chance to show off their talent at Romulus High School's annual Spring Concert – held May 26, 1999 – were Freshman Symphonic Band students (from left) Rachel Broom (bassoon), Andrea Gibson (clarinet), and Nicole Bills (clarinet).

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Triumphant Thompkins' Returns to Halecreek to Share Success Story

While still a student at Halecreek Elementary, Tonya Thompkins was already focused on one overall goal: to attend the University of Michigan and become an engineer.

Today, at the age of 27, she has achieved that goal – and so much more.

Besides maintaining an outstanding academic record during her elementary years, Thompkins also was a fine flutist in the Halecreek Band. At the Junior High, she earned first-division ratings with the Symphonic Band at two state-level festivals. High School found her graduating twenty-third out of a class of 120 at Aquinas High School.

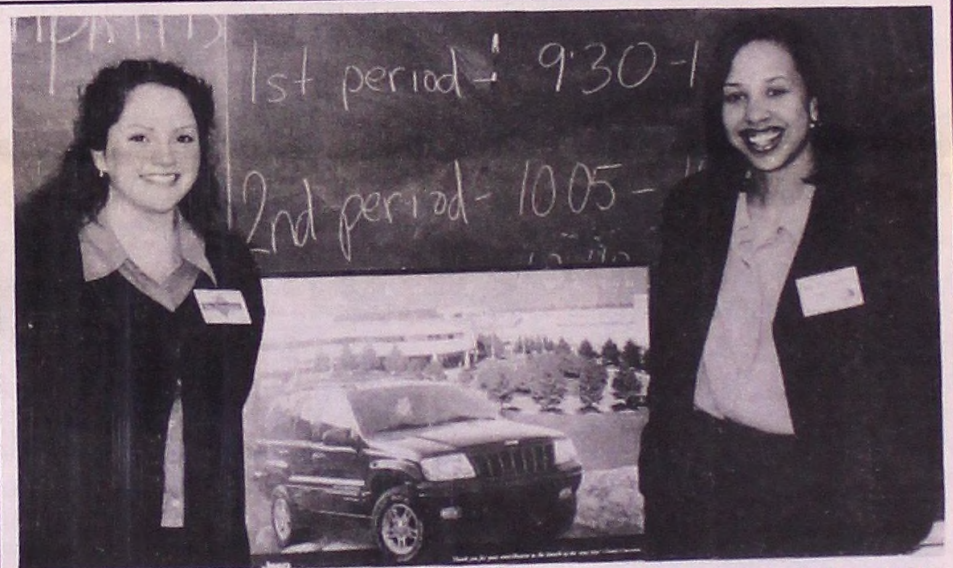
Acceptance into the University of Michigan was a must for Thompkins because it was the only place to which she applied for enrollment. The school's engineering program is one of the most demanding in the nation, so Thompkins found that getting an education there was a very challenging experience. Thankfully, she always received strong support from the "home front" to keep

her on track when she needed a little extra help.

Thompkins' first job was with Blue Cross/Blue Shield, where she was employed as a systems specialist. Although she enjoyed helping to design office efficiency models for the insurance giant, her love of engineering led her to apply at Daimler-Chrysler. There, she began as an engineer in production assembly, moved up to management, and is currently – thanks to her most recent promotion – the financial supervisor for an \$85-million Jeep project.

Given Thompkins' enormous success in following her childhood dream, it was only natural and fitting that she was invited to participate in Halecreek's recent Career Day program.

"I saw the program as a chance to give something back to the community that has given me so much," she said. "Hopefully, my story will inspire students and convince them that, as long as they're willing to work toward them, dreams really can come true." □



Tonya Thompkins (right) – pictured here with third-grade teacher Julie Fontaine – shared her success story with students during Halecreek Elementary School's Career Day program.

Health Center Open All Summer

The Romulus Adolescent Health Center (RAHC) – located in Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) – is helping young people prepare for summer activities and the return to school this fall by offering physical examinations and immunizations throughout the summer.

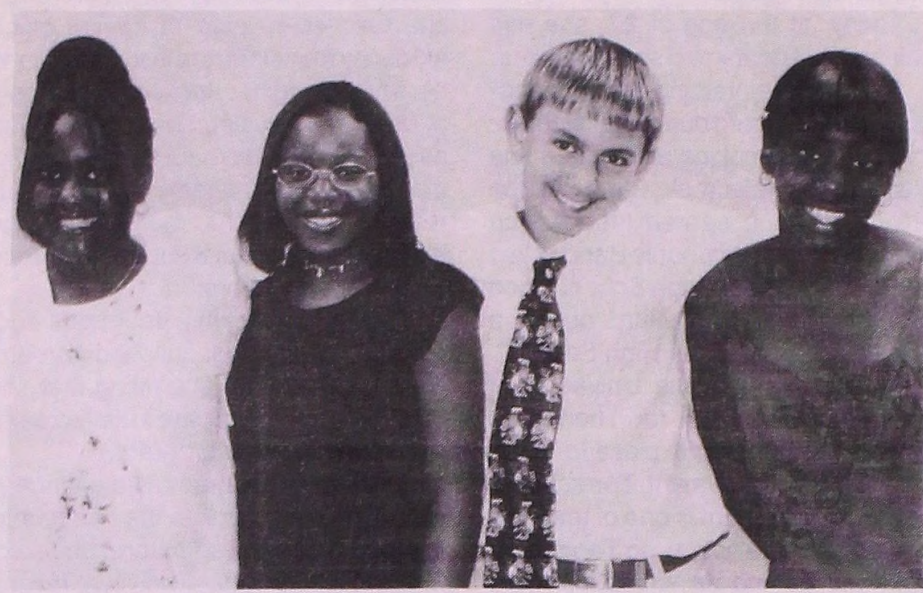
Many camps, athletics programs, and schools require that kids have physicals and up-to-date immunizations prior to enrollment or participation. RAHC provides these services for young people ages 10 to 21. (Note: parents must provide their child's immunization records before immunizations can be administered.)

On Monday, August 2, and Tuesday, August 3, the Romulus Adolescent Health Center will offer sports physicals at a reduced cost of \$10. For those two days only, no appointment will be necessary. Open hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon and again from 1 to 4 p.m.

RAHC is open for scheduled appointments every Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m.; Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m.; and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.

To make an appointment, or for more information, contact RAHC at 734-941-1400. □

6th-grade Grads



Sixth-grade graduates at Wick School included (from left) Shavon Bell, Tiara Anderson, David Coyne, and Kyerra Naugles.



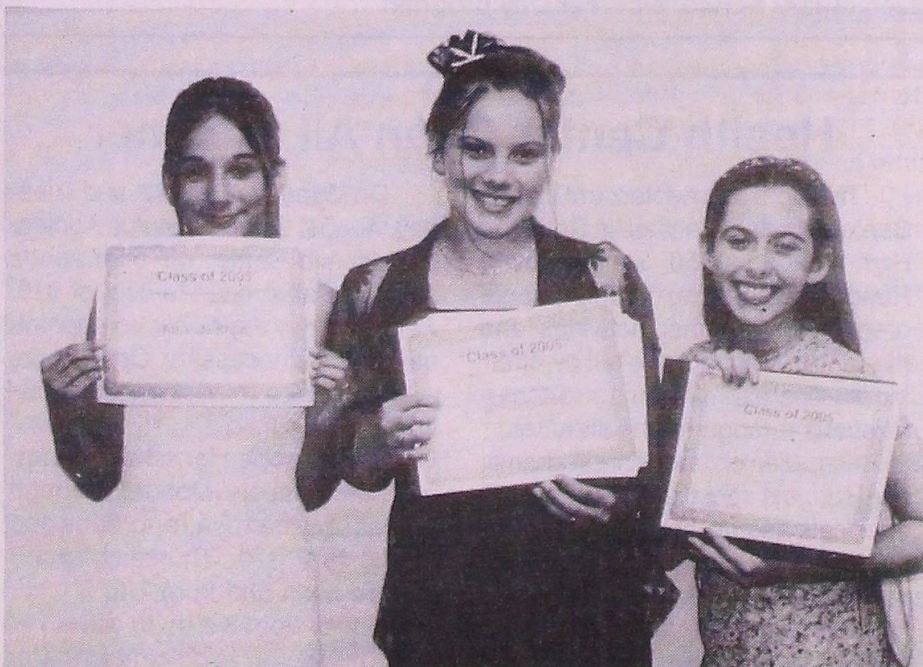
Among Cory School's proud graduates were (from left) Stacey Cribbs, Brandy Jackson, and Keith Haynes.



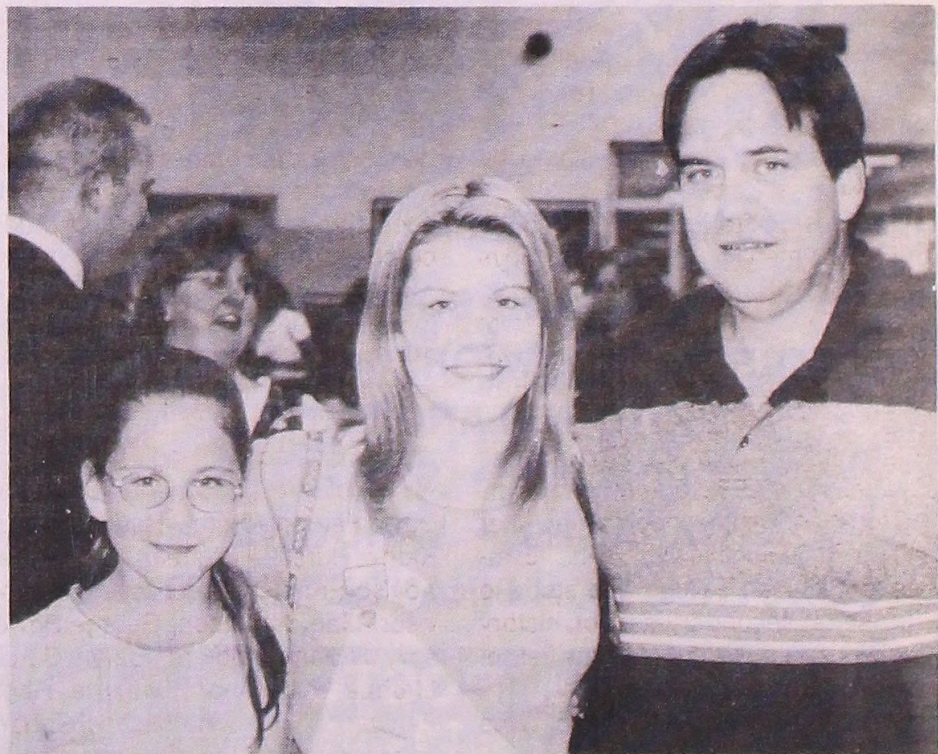
Also graduating from Wick were (from left) Andrea Redding, Jessica Trahey, and Tiffany Smith.



Cory School graduates attended a ceremony in their honor.



(From left) Amanda Khan, Jennifer Goss, and Jazmine Bennett were among Barth School's proud graduates.



Helping Anica Coate (left) celebrate her graduation from Barth School were her older sister, Angela Coate, and her father, Richard Coate.



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Mientkiewicz Attends Boys State



Steven Andrew Mientkiewicz

By John Domas, Counselor, Romulus High School

One outstanding Romulus High School junior was selected to attend the 62nd Annual American Legion Boys State Program, held June 20-26, 1999, on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Representing Romulus among the 750 young men in attendance at Boys State was Steven Andrew Mientkiewicz, who received a \$215 scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Romulus to cover the cost of the program. The son of Kenneth and Bonnie Mientkiewicz is a college-bound honors student who has maintained a 3.953 grade-point average during his high-school career. After graduation, Mientkiewicz plans to attend a Michigan college and study to become a secondary-school history teacher or pursue a career in the field of photography and/or video.

The Boys State Program duplicates the very process by which the governments in Michigan and Washington, D.C., operate. Each young man in attendance learns, firsthand, how to work

within a political party for the common good, and gains a priceless lesson in team participation while maintaining his own individuality. This experience – together with the friendships developed – are not soon forgotten, but stay with the young men for the rest of their lives. Further, since the participants are juniors who will return to their high schools as seniors in the fall, they have a chance to share their experiences and lessons with their classmates.

The ultimate learning experience derived from this program is that each boy leaves with a thorough working knowledge of how our American system of government can affect change, implement ideas into law, and benefit society as a whole. There is no need for any of America's youth to feel alienated from our society, as there is a workable political process that will permit them to become involved in the continuing success of America.

Whether or not the boys who attend the program become directly involved in the actual political process in later life, each one of them will join the American scene knowing that anything for the common good is achievable in our system. More importantly, perhaps, each will know how to achieve that common good through a peaceful and orderly process.

In closing, I would like to thank the following people for their help, support, and assistance in making it possible to send this well-qualified and deserving student to this year's Boys State program: Mae Jackson and William Knight – Romulus High School Counselors; David Ferdon – Romulus Kiwanis Club; Kathy Hurst – Student Government Advisor; Kirsten Fairchild – Class Advisor; Mark Anderson, George Bowersox, William Bradford, Caryn Curcio, Michael Kernohan, Maxine Reed, Fanice Williams, and Michael Zaher – Teachers; Daniel Hurst, Douglas Hoffman, and Melvin Kimbrough – Principals; and Joyce Evans – Guidance Office Secretary. □

Conway Attends Girls State

By John Domas, Counselor, Romulus High School

One outstanding Romulus High School junior was selected to attend the 59th Annual American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program, held June 19-26, 1999, on the campus of Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Representing Romulus among the more than 500 young girls in attendance at Girls State was Erin Rachel Conway, who received a \$240 scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Romulus to cover the cost of the program. The daughter of James and Lynn Conway is a college-bound honors student who has maintained a 4.0 grade-point average during her high-school career. After graduation, Conway plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to pursue a career in engineering.

The Girls State Program has been designed as a practical experience in the problems of self-government as they relate to the State of Michigan. The purpose of the program is to emphasize the importance of government in modern life; to stimulate a deep and lasting interest in government; and to enlarge the students' understanding of the governmental process.

The basic method of Girls State, by which these goals may be achieved, is that of actual participation in the political and governmental process. Care has been taken to design the Girls State Program so that every student may participate in the electoral process; have an opportunity to hold public office; and be encouraged to share in the formulation of public policy. Since no one person can serve in all offices of government, it is expected that a great deal will be learned by observation of the activities of others. It is hoped that the young women will leave Girls State with a mature appreciation of some of the basic strengths and weaknesses of the American system of government. It is hoped, further, that they will leave with a firm resolution to make government a more effective and responsible servant of the people.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a citizen of the United States; be able to attend the full eight-day session; be in the process of completing her junior year of high school; and be a Michigan resident attending a Michigan high school.

Selection is based on a student's interest, character, and potential abilities. Also considered are teacher recommendations and academic record.

Upon her arrival at Girls State, each young woman is assigned to a mythical political party, a county, and a city. There are seven counties, each composed of three cities.

The citizens nominate and elect various city, county, and state officials.



Erin Rachel Conway

They are instructed in the duties of the various public offices – including the State Supreme Court, the Legislature, and other divisions of government – and they learn about the function of these offices as well as their powers and limitations.

Involvement in the press association and the lobbyist and special-interest groups, as well as the band and choir, is also popular.

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25 Speakers Took Part in "Career Day" at Halecreek



Among those who took part in Career Day at Halecreek was attorney Steve Trahey.

When Halecreek Elementary hosted its annual Career Day program on April 29, more than 25 professionals made themselves available to tell students from Halecreek, Merriman, and Barth schools about their experience in the world of work.

Principal Lynne Mossoian explained how the program worked.

"After asking students to list the five careers they would most like to learn about, we assigned them to three different speakers, doing our best to accommodate their interest priorities," she said.

Among those who took part in Career Day was attorney Steve Trahey, who told students about how he uses the internet to find information about the laws of Michigan and other states.

Judge Tina Green brought along some special eyeglasses that simulate the effects of being intoxicated. As the students tried them on, she had them attempt to perform such tasks as walking a straight line, standing on one leg, and picking up a pencil. Needless to say, the results were enlightening.

Recruiter Kim Tanner discussed the U.S. Army's qualifications for enlistment, as well as the career opportunities currently available.

After showing students a video on the subject, Sheree Calhoun discussed the production of a typical television newscast, addressing the different jobs involved and the training required to perform them, as well as the importance of deadlines and other related topics.

Other Career Day guests included: Ms. Barthwell (dancer), Mr. Blauet (animal-oriented careers), Ms. Bragg (singer), Mr. Caplin (hotel manager), Ms. Carter (journalist), Ms. Cook (Technology Director, Romulus Community Schools), Ms. Durgy (social worker), Ms. Fincher (cosmetologist), Ms. Geiger (flight attendant), Dr. Law (scientist), Dr. Merlos (dentist), Mr. O'Connor (plumber), Dr. Phillips (optometrist), Lt. Rafalski (law enforcement), Ms. Ralko (nurse), Ms. Sherwood (mechanical engineer), Mr. Silveri (educator), Mr. Tegge (restaurant manager), Ms. Thompkins (industrial engineer), Dr. Uhen (scientist), and Mr. Westerholm (truck driver).

At the end of Career Day, many of the distinguished guests had favorable comments about the program.

"Right from the beginning, it was very well organized," said Bragg, who noted that a student guide greeted her as she entered the building, then escorted her to her room and introduced her to the session facilitator.

"I was especially impressed by the attentiveness and seriousness of the children," she added, "as well as their thoughtful questions." □

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Community Calendar

- **The Mayor's Chair** – The next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program will air on cable channel 40 (channel 12 for those who have already made the switch to broadband) beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 8. Special guests for the evening will be representatives from MediaOne, who will be on hand to discuss broadband and its related services. Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall by 6:15 p.m. Home viewers can call 734-942-7571 to ask questions of the Mayor and guests after 6 p.m.
- **"African American Experience" Book Discussion Group** – The newly formed African American Experience Book Discussion Group will meet from 7 to 8 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month (next meeting on July 21) at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall). New members are welcome. For more information, call Alfaye Woods or Diane Hazen at the Library (734-942-7589) during its regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.).
- **Public Invited To City's "Emergency & Safety Planning" Forum** – Romulus residents are strongly urged to attend an "Emergency & Safety Planning" forum that will be held in the Council Chambers at Romulus City Hall (11111 South Wayne Road, at Goddard) on Friday, July 30, at 9:30 a.m. Among the many experts who will be on hand to answer questions regarding Y2K, severe-weather safety preparations, and other emergency-readiness concerns will be the City's Emergency Management Coordinator, Margaret Leduc, as well as representatives from State government, the Romulus police and fire departments, local banks, Detroit Edison, Michigan Consolidated Gas, Ameritech, the City's Water Department, and the Salvation Army. To reserve your seat, or to submit questions in advance, call Linda Norman, Senior-citizen Program Coordinator, at 734-942-6852.
- **Romulus Police Host Charity Golf Outing** – The Romulus Police Officers Association is inviting the public to participate in its first annual Charity Golf Outing, set for Friday, August 6, at the Shady Hollow Golf Course (located at 34777 Smith Road in Romulus). Registration will begin at 7 a.m.; the shotgun start is scheduled for 8 a.m. A \$65-per-person donation (payment due by July 6) covers 18 holes of golf, cart, shirt, lunch, steak dinner, beer and soft drinks, and door prizes. Other donations of cash, gift certificates (to be used for prizes), and golf equipment are also appreciated. For information, please call either Officer Mike St. Andre or Officer Duane Smith at the Police Department (734-941-8400).
- **Chamber Hosts Benefit Golf Outing** – The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host its annual golf outing/fund raiser at Willow Golf Course (located at 22900 Huron River Drive in New Boston) on Thursday, August 26, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Foursomes and hole sponsors are needed, as well as cash donations toward prizes and workers. A cost of \$380 per foursome also covers refreshments on the course and a steak dinner (at the Romulus Progressive Club, located at 11580 Ozga Road) afterward. For more information, call the Chamber office (734-326-4290).
- **Pumpkin Fest Seeks Crafters, Vendors, Entertainers** – The City of Romulus is looking for crafters, vendors, and entertainers interested in participating in its third annual Pumpkin Festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, September 18–19, in downtown Romulus. For more information; to make a monetary or in-kind donation to the festival; or to obtain an application for street space or food vending (deadline: September 10), contact Susan Watts (734-941-0476) or Maria Lambert (734-942-7543). To volunteer your talents for the entertainment portion of the festival, call Ellen Bragg (734-942-9207).
- **Boys & Girls Clubs Host Orientation Meetings** – The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Romulus Club, invites prospective members (ages six to 18) to attend one of its new-member orientation meetings, held at Merriman Elementary School (15303 Merriman Road) each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 11 a.m. The Club's annual membership fee is \$25; proof of age must be provided at the time of registration. Club hours are Tuesday through Friday from after school until 8:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 734-941-5839.

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Singer Ellen Bragg (left) – pictured here with Resource Room Teacher Kendra Akers – also took part in Career Day.

July Fourth: A Good Time To Visit Historical Cities

Michiganians who want to mix some out-of-state travel into their Fourth of July holiday weekend might want to consider Philadelphia, Boston, or Washington, D.C., as destinations. Each offers a rich mix of pageantry to celebrate the Nation's 223rd birthday, AAA Michigan says.

Philadelphia

Believe it or not, a Romulus resident will have a prominent role in the Independence Day celebration in the "Birthplace of the Nation."

On July 4 — at Philadelphia's Independence Hall, where the original Declaration of Independence was signed — 100 people (each one born on July 4 in

one of the 100 years of the 20th century) will pose for "The Photo of the Century," presented by Kodak.

Among them will be Ethel Mae Askew of Romulus, who was born July 4, 1925. Askew's selection was a real honor, considering that more than 25,000 people from across the Country (1,462 from Michigan) submitted their names to Kodak to be included.

Philadelphia's 10-day festival, which began June 25, will feature more than 50 free events, such as a Great Gospel Gathering, a Native American Ceremony, the Summer Mummers Parade, and other musical, cultural, and historical presentations.

Everything culminates on the Fourth with a fireworks display set to music at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

For more details, call the Philadelphia Visitor Center at 800-770-5883.

Boston

Boston was the main cauldron in which the stew of the American Revolution simmered, so you would expect the City to celebrate Independence Day in a big way — and it does. Boston Harborfest, which runs through July 5 and features 170 events — is expected to draw more than two million people. Half the events are free, and admission to most others is less than \$10.

Many relate to Boston's Colonial past, such as a tour of Old North Church, where the lanterns alerted Paul Revere to make his ride; guided walking tours of Boston National Historical Park, with costumed guides representing Patriot and Loyalist views of the Boston Massacre; Colonial Army drills and musket demonstrations on the Bunker Hill Monument grounds; and a reenactment, in Old South Meeting House, of a debate between Patriots and Loyalists over the tea tax.

Special events on the Fourth include a reading of the Declaration of Independence at the Old State House, an Independence Day Service at Old North Church, a Fife and Drum Concert

at City Hall, and evening fireworks over the harbor.

To conclude the party on Monday, Boston's best restaurants will serve samples at the 18th annual day-long Chowderfest on the City Hall plaza.

For details, call Boston Harborfest at 617-227-1528.

Washington D.C.

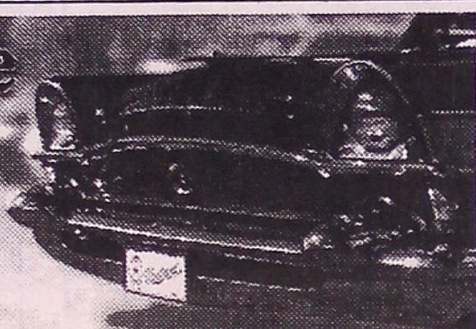
The Nation's Capital is a patriotic mecca anytime, but especially so on the Fourth of July. The schedule of free events begins at 10 a.m. at the National Archives with a reading of the Declaration of Independence, patriotic music, and a demonstration of Colonial Army maneuvers.

The big Independence Day Parade steps off at 11:45 a.m. Floats, giant balloons, and bands will parade up Constitution Avenue from 7th to 17th Streets.

Starting at 4 p.m., musicians play nonstop for five hours at the Sylvan Theatre on the grounds of the Washington Monument. The music menu includes blues, Hawaiian melodies, country rock, bluegrass, folk music from many cultures, New Orleans and Latin jazz, and gospel singing.

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| 9 | Rolling Sculpture Car Show, Ann Arbor. (734) 668-7112. | 21-25 | 50s Fest and Car Show, Novi Expo Center, Novi. (248) 349-1950. |
| 9-10 | Jordan Valley Car Show, East Jordan. (616) 536-7351. | 24-25 | Michigan Antique Festival Auto Show, Midland County Fairgrounds. (517) 687-9001. |
| 10 | Main Place Car Show, downtown Zeeland. (616) 772-2494. | 24-25 | Inland Lake Antique Car Show, Houghton Lake High School, Houghton Lake. (517) 366-5644. |
| 10 | Classic Car Show, Gladwin County Fairgrounds, Gladwin. (517) 426-2311. | 24 | Mopars at the Red Barns, Gilmore/Classic Car Club of America, Hickory Corners. (616) 671-5089. |
| 11 | Mad Dogs And Englishmen All British Car Fair, Gilmore/Classic Car Club of America, Hickory Corners. (616) 671-5089. | 24 | Milltown Car Show, downtown Grayling. (517) 348-2921, (800) 937-8837. |
| 15-17 | Rock-N-Wheels Festival, Auburn Park, Auburn. (517) 662-2531, (800) 424-5114. | 25 | GTO Classic Car Show, Freedom Hill, Sterling Heights. (810) 979-7010. |
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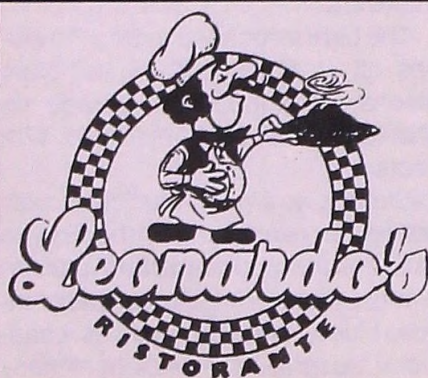
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Children's Games	4:00 p.m.	Elmer Johnson Park
Music and Karaoke by Willie Hester	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Elmer Johnson Park
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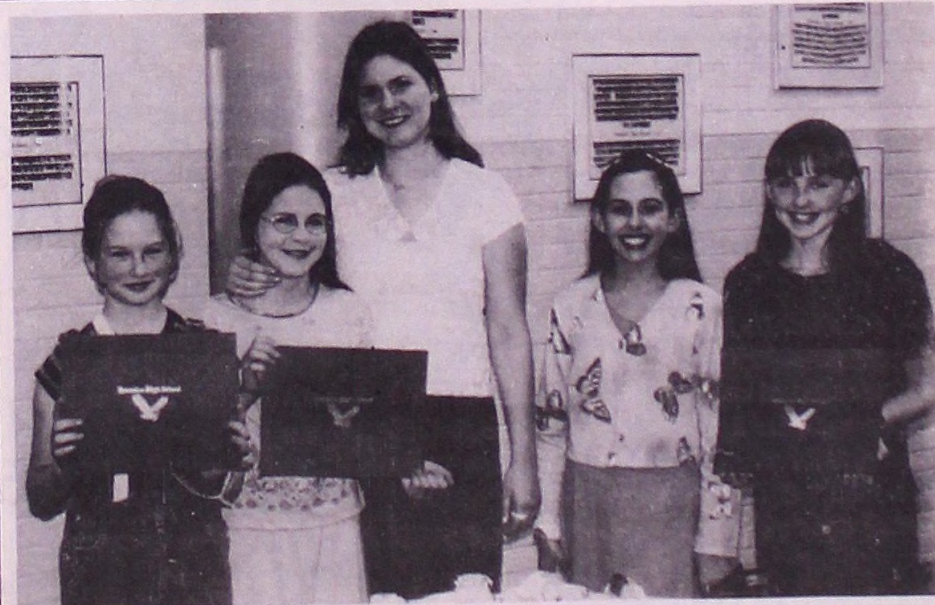
Among the 23 students recently inducted into the National Honor Society were Christina Bouquenoy and Rashad Woods.

On Tuesday, May 4, 23 exceptional Romulus High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society. The organization also recognized a number of sixth-graders from the district's five elementary schools and eighth-graders from the Middle School for their outstanding academic achievements, as well.

Inductees included: Mubbeena Ahmad (sophomore), Tara Brown (sophomore), Autumn Debus (junior), Andrea Deline (sophomore), Tyra Donald (junior), Tracie Finley (sophomore), Aimee Fisher (sophomore), William Gibson (sophomore), Kristin Godard (sophomore), Jacquelyn Hamilton (sophomore), Jennifer Hoffman (junior), Lindsey Hoppe (junior), Amy Hudson (sophomore), Nicole Johnson (sophomore), Rondra Lee (sophomore), Kimberly Mingo (sophomore), David Moomaw (sophomore), Anton Poole (junior), John Ryznar (sophomore), Emily Schultz (sophomore), Ashley Slone (sophomore), Jehiquita Tucker (sophomore), and Rashad Woods (sophomore).

Special honorees from the ele-

mentaries and the Middle School were: Kristen Atchley (Wick), Jazmine Bennett (Barth), Bredan Boyd (Wick), Kursha Bradford (Barth), Don Brewer (Halecreek), Ronald Brown (Merriman), Monika Burgess (Cory), Taritonye Burutolu (Middle School), Kenneth Capler (Merriman), Teela Carroll (Cory), Kevin Carter (Cory), Anica Coate (Barth), Monica Cox (Cory), Joshua Crozier (Cory), Carol Deaton (Halecreek), Ashley Gorkiewicz (Barth), Bradley Hindman (Middle School), Tashia Jones (Merriman), Muneer Khan (Halecreek), Crystal Koch (Middle School), Hilary Kozma (Middle School), Candace Lawrence (Halecreek), Kyerra Naugles (Merriman), Leslie Perez (Middle School), Shawn Perkins (Wick), Robert Rice, Jr. (Middle School), Sawalra Sheikh (Merriman), Jessica Shelton (Barth), Paulette Stanford (Wick), Matthew Stefani (Wick), Jamie Suiter (Wick), Joann Tieppo (Halecreek), Jessica Trahey (Wick), Andrew Vera (Merriman), Miah Wade (Halecreek), Kim Wilson (Cory), Ryan Witherow (Barth), and Ashley Wright (Merriman). □



Andrea Coate (center) is proud of younger sister Anica (second from left), who was one of several elementary and Middle School students recognized by the National Honor Society of Romulus High School. Other honorees from Barth School were (from left) Ashley Gorkiewicz, Jazmine Bennett, and Jessica Shelton.



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HONOR ROLL

(Note: An asterisk denotes those students who received all "A" grades.)

Third Grade – Ms. Price

Jasmine Brown, Camille Crawford, *Chelsea Earby, Kallie Harris, Thomas Slatinsky, Akara Stoval, Clara Windom.

Third Grade – Ms. Walker

Latiesha Burnett, *Melissa Cofield, Christopher Cole, Colvin Crawford, Patrick Farkas, Kassie Gray, Cameron Jackson, *Leah Lattimore, *Marjorie Miskey, Alicia Morgan, Kandice Penn, Jacob Pykor, *Johnny Reid, *Patricia Renya, Aaron Rollin, Darius Ross, *Kyle Sherwood, Leroy Talley.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Sarah Berger, Jason Burnett, *Nicole Carroll, LaRhonda Colvin, Katelyn Crozier, *Aleshia Fawthrop, James Hayes, Rebecca Labo, *Aurielle McCauley, Renea Sperry, Vanessa Villarreal, Justin Wasiak, *Theresa Windom.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Maurice Anderson, Roderick Brown, Amber Cruce, *Yetunde Emanuel, Rashanda Graham, Antionice Hearst, *Nicole Klages, Tiffany Penn, LeJohnna Reid, Justin Sledd, Eric Smith, Cherrelle Smith-Noyd, Tiffany Usher, Mariay Watt.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Jessica Sears.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Lauren Belle, Carmen Coleman, Doloris Garry, Nicole Goodman, Abbey Macey, Jessica Moore, Brian Rodger, *Arlennea Savage, Stephanie Schultz, LeRodd Williams.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Ayibatari Burutolu, Tamara Carney, *Megan Crozier, Carl Gillespie, Anthony Groce, Khyla Ross, Thomas Rutherford.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Kessler

Monika Burgess, Monica Cox, *Joshua Crozier, Carolyn Moore, Jodi Schultz, Brandon Zahornacky.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

*Lindsay Allison, Tiffany Block, Michael Broadnax, Matthew Carr, *Teela Carroll, Chrystal Coleman, Ebony Coleman, Jeremiah Cross, Kevin DuFore, *Lauryn Farkas, Wayne Gilbert, Melissa Hubbard, Dijon Piggee, Daniel Shinn, Monique Solomon, Kimberly Tyra, Amanda Wasiak, Adrian Watson, *Kimberly Wilson, Jacqueline Wood.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kindergarten "A" – Ms. McCabe

Kyra Crawford, Tiffany Cummings.

First Grade – Ms. Barrs

Emmanuel Sanders.

First Grade – Ms. Cristini

Motunrola Emanuel, David Miller, Kierstyn Slatinsky, Dominique Wallace.

First Grade – Ms. Watson

Ashleigh Cofield, Ammie Gordon, Jasmine Harris, Demetris Hughes, Keoni Mundy, Krystal Wegrzyn.

Second Grade – Ms. Baluk

Tabitha Canterbury, Meriah Chapman, Christina Gillespie, Josiah Jackson, Nicole Siemaszko, James Wells, India Williams, Amanda Zavitz.

Second Grade – Ms. Giles

Alaura Harper, Jeremy Neal, Megan Watson.

Second Grade – Ms. Radovac

Cody Barnes, Amanda Brown, Jessica Cronk, Edward Hall, Kayla Harris, Ronald Kersey, Ashley Robertson, Darin Schmitzer.

Third Grade – Ms. Price

Kallie Harris, Clara Windom.

Third Grade – Ms. Walker

Latiesa Burnette, Melissa Cofield, Johnny Reid, Aaron Rollin.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Pluff

Nicole Carroll, LaRhonda Colvin, Marissa Cronk, Aurielle McCauley.

Fourth Grade – Ms. Walters

Angelica Cummings, Tiffany Penn, LeJohnna Reid.

Fifth Grade – Mr. Blackburn

Tyjuana Fowler, Richard Reaume.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Miller

Cory Haynes, Arlennea Savage.

Fifth Grade – Ms. Sims

Alan Boiler, Ayibatari Burutolu, Nathan Samuels.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Kessler

Martino Fowler, Noelle Polianchick.

Sixth Grade – Mr. Smith

Michael Broadnax, Chrystal Coleman, Lauryn Farkas, Keith Holman, Monique Solomon, Adrian Watson, Kimberly Wilson.

Congratulations to all.

(Editor's note: The Romulus News welcomes honor-roll and perfect-attendance information from any school where Romulus children are enrolled. Honor-roll/perfect-attendance lists may be mailed to us at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, Michigan 48174-0038, or faxed to us at 734-941-4874. For more information, contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at 734-941-1907.) □

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REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 15, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, June 15, 1999, was called to order by President Howard J. Kesner at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed member Lambert absent (excused). All administrators were present. Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Kesner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/99/20 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

5/99/21 Moved by Webb supported by Dick to approve the Minutes of May 24, 1999, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel recommendations for approval.

EMPLOYMENT: Rebecca Merithew, Middle School, Math, Effective September 1, 1999; Aimee Nardell, Merriman Elementary, Second Grade, Effective September 1, 1999; Amy Schaefer, Elementary, Effective September 1, 1999; Richard Slate, Technology, Effective September 1, 1999; Gloria Williams, Elementary, Effective September 1, 1999; Nancy Baziuk, Elementary, PE Teacher, Effective September 1, 1999; Martin Nagy, Elementary, Effective September 1, 1999; Tiffany Kerner, Computer, PE Teacher, St. Aloysius/Shared Time, Wick Elementary; and Marilyn Hidenfelter, Special Populations Coordinator, High-School-to-Work Coordinator (filling Bill Musham's vacancy).

5/99/22 Moved by Lenossi supported by Dick to approve the personnel actions for employment as presented by Dr. Samuel B. La Monica, Director of Human Resources. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/99/23 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board approve the termination of Debra (Pilliod) Broadwell, Teacher, Romulus Middle School. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

5/99/24 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution for Bond Application – Treasury, and to Limit Use of School Bond Program

5/99/25 Moved by Lenossi supported by Woods that the Board accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and adopt the attached resolution to apply for preliminary Qualification of Bonds in the amount of \$34,165,000 to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/99/26 Moved by Berlinn supported by Webb that the Board accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and adopt the attached resolution to limit the District's use of School Bond Loan Fund as outlined. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Resolution Opposing Vouchers

5/99/27 Moved by Dick supported by Lenossi that the Board accept the recommendation of Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, and approve the attached resolution opposing vouchers. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Introduction of Sign Problem

This item will be discussed at a later date.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

Members of the audience were present and voiced their concerns, as they relate to the operation of the School District, to the Board of Education and administration.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Finance Minutes; 2) Appreciation for Health Center; 3) "Thanks" – Serena Fraser; 4) RESA Election Results; and 5) MEAP Letter.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick mentioned a number of items, including maintenance and adult education.

Mrs. Bette Lenossi wanted the grass cut at Mt. Pleasant School.

Mr. Kenneth Berlinn congratulated Billy M. McCraight on his election to the Board of Education. (The totals for the June 14, 1999, Board election were as follows: Tony A. Heimberger, 68; Billy M. McCraight, 502; and Edward Thomas, Jr., 194.)

Mr. Michael Woods congratulated the students at the graduation ceremony on Saturday.

Mr. Howard Kesner complained about commencement being too noisy.

Executive Session

5/99/28 Moved by Lenossi supported by Webb that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll-call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:42 P.M.

Members Webb and Woods were excused at 8:31 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/99/29 Moved by Lenossi supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Woods, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

"Student of the Month" Wins Drawing for Airline Tickets



Recent Romulus High School graduate Betty Jo Caines (center) was the lucky winner of this year's "Student of the Month" airline-ticket drawing. Funds for the tickets were donated by Bud and Linda Cook.

A "Student of the Month" program held at Romulus High School on May 18 left the Class of '99's Betty Jo Caines flying high.

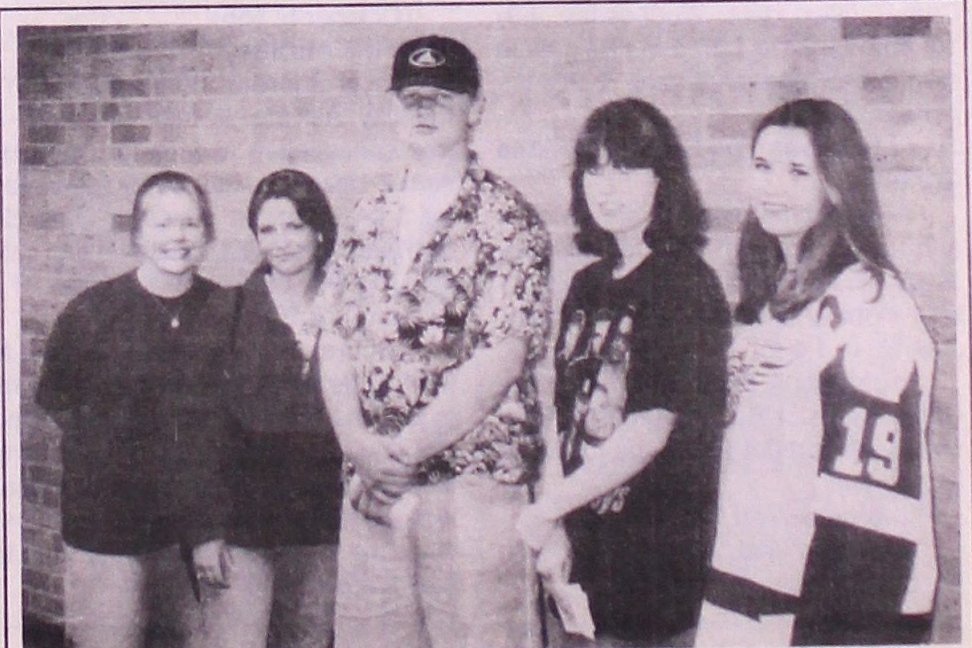
As one of 377 students who were recognized for academic and behavioral excellence during the past year, Caines was entered in a drawing to win two airline tickets that were donated by Romulus Community Schools staff member Linda Cook and her husband Bud.

Other winners that evening were:

- Christa Anderson (\$50 bond),
- Tara Brown (\$50 bond),
- Jennifer Davis (\$50 bond),
- Stephen Harper (\$100 bond),
- Steve Hatfield (\$50 bond),
- Jeremy Hendricks (\$50 bond),
- Katie Lockhart (\$50 bond),
- Rachael Parker (\$50 bond),
- Geoffrey Raphael (\$50 bond) and
- Eric Staten (\$50 bond).

RHS Assistant Principal Melvin Kimbrough would like to thank the local

businesses and individuals whose sponsorship provided for the purchase of 249 savings bonds this year: Airlines Parking, Inc.; Aztec Manufacturing Corp.; C & C Trailer Service, Inc.; Chem-central-Detroit; Dale G. Kennedy & Sons Warehouse, Inc.; Daly Drive-in-Romulus; Downriver Pest Control; Elkins Machine & Tool Co.; Environ, Inc.; Form Flow, Inc.; Gandol, Inc.; General Motors/Powertrain-Romulus; Graduate Services; Header Products, Inc.; Rhonda Hennessy, D.D.S.; Highway Maintenance & Construction Co.; Kiwanis Club of Romulus; Lear Seating Corp.; Art and Eva McDonald; McDonald's of Romulus; Precision Hardware, Inc.; Progressive Club of Romulus; Romulus Community Schools Administrators and Athletic Department; Romulus Flowers & Gifts; Rotary Club of Romulus; Kundan Sata, D.D.S.; Saw & Specialty Corp.; Stears True Value Hardware; Total Petroleum, Inc.; Trans-Overseas Corp.; and United Brass Manufacturers, Inc. □



Several other students won U.S. savings bonds.

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, and Audry Moormaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column.

(Note: For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.) **Happy Birthday!**

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of July: Jessie Green, Juanita Johnson, Esther Lloyd, Rummie Mayle, Kamla Merriweather, Marguerite Silvey, Dorothy Spencer, Theresa Standhardt, Ethel Teague, and Thomas Vassallo.

Crime Watch

The City's annual "National Night Out" program will be the subject of Officer Joe Richardson's next Crime Watch program at the Senior Center (set for Thursday, July 22, at 9 a.m.). The event was an enormous success last year, and this year promises to be even bigger and better – especially with your help!

If you have any questions about "National Night Out"; would like to share some of your ideas for making it better; and/or would like to volunteer your help in organizing and running the program, be sure to stop in!

Free Hearing Check

Free hearing screenings will be available at the Senior Center from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 14. Sign up at the Center.

Free Blood-pressure Check

Rachael O'Neil, a registered nurse who resides here in Romulus, has generously agreed to donate one afternoon per month to perform free blood-pressure checks at the Romulus Senior Center. (Next date: Wednesday, July 14, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) Be sure to stop in and take advantage of this important service.

July Luncheon Will Feature Banana Contest

A refreshing menu of sandwiches and ice cream (with your favorite topping!) will be the bill of fare at the Center's monthly luncheon, set for Friday, July 16, at 1 p.m.

Highlighting the event will be the Center's annual "Banana-dressing Contest," with competition in the following categories:

- "favorite person,"
- "favorite animal," and
- "favorite thing."

(After the contest, you can recycle your fruity creation by stripping it down and adding it to your dessert to make a banana split!)

Cost is only \$3.50. Sign up at the Center.

More Pinochle for Summer

The Center's pinochle group is adding a second day/time – Wednesday at 6 p.m. – to its weekly game schedule for the months of July and August only. Cost is \$2.25 per evening. Everyone is welcome.

Tigers Trip

The Romulus Senior Center has organized a trip to Tiger Stadium on Thursday, July 22, to see Detroit play the Kansas City Royals. This will be a great opportunity to see the old ballpark one last time before its final closing in September. Cost is only \$20. Sign up at the Center.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

(Please note: Deposits reserve your seat for any bus trip. Complete payment is due at least two weeks prior to departure for day trips; for overnight trips, payment is due at least 30 days prior to departure. Checks may be made payable to the City of Romulus or the tour company.)

- **African Lion Safari (Cambridge, Ontario)** (July 23; \$59),
- **The True North (Ontario, Canada)** (August 15–22; \$699),
- **Branson & Eureka Springs** (September 19–25; \$699),
- **Soaring Eagle (Mt. Pleasant)** (September 29; \$21), and
- **"Mystery Tour"** (October 5; \$55).

"Ask the Attorney"

Local attorney Steve Robinson's monthly "Ask the Attorney" program – a free consultation service for Romulus senior citizens – has been scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 22. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (734-942-6852) are welcome.

Walking Club

Local seniors are invited to meet at the Center every Wednesday at 9 a.m. to ride the "senior van" over to Wayne County Community College's Haggerty Road campus for some safe, indoor walking (at your own pace) – no matter what the weather. It's a great way to stay limber and fit. ☐

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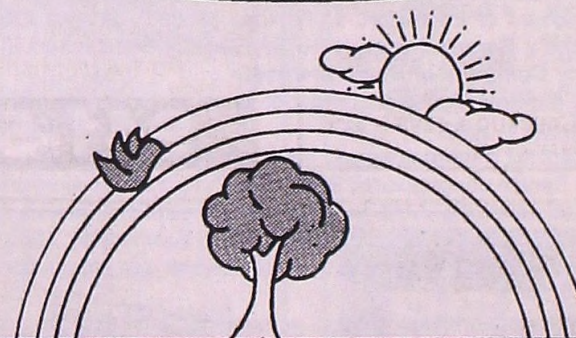
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Obituaries

David L. Austin

David L. Austin of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, June 18, 1999. He was 63 years old.

David was born November 9, 1935, in Ridgetop, Tennessee, and married Leonia White on March 27, 1974. After 25 years of dedicated and valuable service, he retired from the Marriott Hotel on April 19, 1991.

Surviving David are his wife; four sons, David, Daryl, Darnel, and Jerome Austin; two daughters, Bernadette Austin and Sonia Martin; a son-in-law, Kevin Martin; a daughter-in-law, Laurie Austin; his mother, Sadie M. Austin; two

brothers, William and Ellis Austin; five sisters, Sally Yuille, Elaine Washington, Grace McQuitty, Eileen Thomas, and Marsha Harvey; three brothers-in-law, Levon Yuille, Miles Washington, and John Thomas; two sisters-in-law, Sandra and Elizabeth Austin; three grandchildren, Kelli, Nikole, and Nevin Austin; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, Crockett Austin.

A funeral service was held Thursday, June 24, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

James T. Cole

James T. Cole of Carleton, Michigan, died on Tuesday, June 22, 1999, at the age of 87.

A native of Rose Hill, Virginia, James was born September 19, 1911.

He is survived by three sons, John, Arville, and William Cole; three daughters, Ms. Billie Sue Golegates, Mrs. John (Margaret) Jewell, and Mrs. Ed

(Mary Lou) Stone; 43 grandchildren; and 57 great-grandchildren. Six of James' siblings—Henry, Arville, Bonnie, Birdy, Rohdy, and Daisy—predeceased him.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 26, at Arney-Mullins Funeral Home (Rose Hill, VA). Interment was at Ball's Chapel Cemetery (Rose Hill, VA).

Shirley Marie (McCraight) Copeland

Shirley Marie (McCraight) Copeland of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, died on Wednesday, June 16, 1999, at age 55.

Shirley was born November 29, 1944, in Romulus, Michigan.

She is survived by two sons, Robert L. and Kenneth E. Copeland (both of Dearborn Heights, MI); two brothers, Alexander "Buck" and Billy M. McCraight

(both of Romulus, MI); and two sisters, Ms. Neola Daunt (Flint, MI) and Ms. Murtle Noll (Westland, MI). Her sister, Virginia, predeceased her.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 19, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating.

Dolores C. (Perry) Dick

Dolores C. (Perry) Dick of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, June 2, 1999. She was 67 years old.

Dolores was born November 22, 1931, in Orleans, Vermont. She and her husband, Richard Dick, were married May 3, 1952, in Sandusky, Ohio.

Surviving Dolores are her husband; two sons, Brian J. (West Lafayette, IN) and David W. Dick (Romulus, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Thomas (Debra M.) Varcak (Perry, OH) and Ms. Lori Ann Dick (Westland, MI); two brothers, Gilbert (Concord, NH) and William Perry

(Benton, LA); three sisters, Ms. Marion Perry (Alexandra VA), Ms. Rita Perry (Alexandra, VA), and Mrs. James (Terry) Lawler (Keystone, NE); eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Sisters Isabel and Irene predeceased her.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 5, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Richard Thomson officiating. Interment was at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery (Brownstown Township, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Bernice Lanier

Bernice Lanier of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, May 11, 1999, at the age of 80.

The native of Nashville, Tennessee, was born June 10, 1918.

Bernice is survived by one grandson, David Powers (Elk Grove, IL); and three nephews, John W. (and his wife Mary) Fry (Clinton, MI), Alvin Fry (Calvert

City, KY), and Thomas (and his wife Theresa) Abernathy (Fairview, TN). Her daughter, Sharon Powers, predeceased her.

A funeral service was held on Friday, May 14, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Charles Clark officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery (Romulus, MI).

Everett John McIlwain

Everett John McIlwain of Romulus, Michigan, died on Monday, June 7, 1999. He was 91 years old.

A native of Hammond, Indiana, John

was born September 15, 1907.

He is survived by one son, Everett D. McIlwain (Sterling Heights, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Jeanne) Krause (New Boston, MI) and Mrs. Russell (Carol) Nieman (New Boston, MI); one brother, Russell L. McIlwain (Lisle, IL); one sister, Eunice McIlwain (Grand Rapids, MI); four grandchildren, Kenneth and Russell Krause and Colleen and Everett Andrew McIlwain; and one great-grandson, Ryan Andrew Krause. Predeceasing him were his wife, Emma McIlwain, and a grandchild, Sara Nieman.

A funeral service was held Friday, June 11, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend William Kren (Community United Methodist Church, Romulus, MI) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

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